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In re application of: Robert G. Biskeborn

Application No.: 09/938,457

Group No.: 11/04/2004

Filed: 08/23/2001

Examiner: Eley, Timothy V.

For: PIN ADAPTER FOR AIR BEARING SURFACE (ABS) LAPPING AND METHOD FOR USING THE SAME

Mail Stop Petition

Commissioner for Patents

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PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT  
— OFFICE ACTION NOT RECEIVED

1. I hereby petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment in this case, on the basis that the Office Action forming the basis of the abandonment was not received.
2. I hereby state:
  - (a) The Office Action indicated, as mailed on November 4, 2004, was not received.
  - (b) A search of the file jacket and the docket records in my office indicates that this Office Action was not received.

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3. I attach a copy of the docket record where the non-received Office Action would have been entered had it been received and docketed. Please see page 2 of Exhibit A. This shows how the entry would have appeared on our docket.

4. As additional evidence of non-receipt of the Office Action, I also attach:

Exhibit B is a copy of the PAIRConnect Patent Record which shows a direct comparison of the PTO Action Items on the PAIR system and the IP Master Actions listed in our docketing database. The PAIR column shows the mailing of the Non-Final Rejection on 11/04/2004, but there is no action noted as received on our side.

5. In consideration of these submissions, it is respectfully requested that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn.

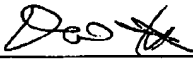
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